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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The Preliminary Amendment is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). The Preliminary Amendment responds to the Final Office Action dated July 25, 2005, for which a response was due on October 25, 2005, and for which pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), a two-month extension, ending December 25, 2005, is requested with the RCE. The following amendments and comments are submitted and reconsideration of the claim rejections is respectfully requested.

In view of the attached RCE, this response is considered timely.

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